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SUBJECT: MTN SUBGROUP DAIRY - FEBRUARY 28 MEETING

1. FOLLOWING ARE MTN DEL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE POSITION THE U.S. SHOULD TAKE IN THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MTN SUBGROUP DAIRY. THESE SUGGESTIONS, WHICH ARE LARGELY TACTICAL, ARE MADE WITH REFERENCE TO THE MOST RECENT VERSION OF THE WORKING HYPOTHESIS CONCERNING A COMPREHENSIVE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING THE DAIRY PRODUCT SECTOR (MTN/DP/W/27/REV. 2).

2. AS A TOKEN OF ITS CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH THE U.S. SHOULD STATE THAT IT CAN ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS OF THE WORKING HYPOTHESIS BUT WITH MODIFICATIONS OF DETAILS: (A) THE OBJECTIVES (ARTICLE I);

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(B) THE PRODUCT COVERAGE (ARTICLE II); AND (C) THE INFORMATION MECHANISM (ARTICLE III). THE U.S. COULD ALSO AGREE TO THE CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION PROCEDURES OF ARTICLE IV BUT WOULD HAVE TO INTRODUCE CHANGES INTO THIS ARTICLE SO AS TO PREVENT THE DAIRY PRODUCT COUNCIL FROM RECOMMENDING MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE DIRECTED AGAINST U.S. DAIRY POLICIES.

3. AS IN THE CASE OF MEAT, ISSUES CONCERNING SAFEGUARDS, EXPORT SUBSIDIES, HEALTH AND VETERINARY MEASURES AND STANDARDS SHOULD AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER SECTORS OF THE MTN.

4. AS REGARDS THE PROTOCOLS REGARDING MILK POWDER, MILK FAT AND CERTAIN CHEESES THE U.S. SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS PRECEDE THE MTN, THOUGH NOT IN THEIR PRESENT FORM. HAD THE U.S. WISHED TO DO SO IT COULD HAVE JOINED THESE ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO THE MTN. HENCE ITS PRESENT POSITION IN THIS REGARD WILL DEPEND ON THE OVER-ALL DEVELOPMENTS OF THE AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS.

5. THE U.S. POSITION REGARDING PROVISIONS CONCERNING MINIMUM ACCESS COMMITMENTS (ARTICLE VII) AS WELL AS THE FINAL PROVISIONS OF THE WORKING HYPOTHESIS (ARTICLE IX) AND THE LEGAL STATUS OF ANNEX III WILL HAVE TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF BILATERAL AND PLURILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

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